

***MERCER COUNTY CLERK'S***  
***2014 ELECTION DEADLINE DATES***

**FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION DEADLINE:**

- February 8<sup>th</sup> Last day to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by mail for the **Fire District Election** (19:63-3) (not less than 7 days prior to election)
- February 11<sup>th</sup> Last day for application to receive Mail-In Ballot for **Fire District Election** by electronic means for qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters (19:59-4) (4<sup>th</sup> day before election)
- February 13<sup>th</sup> Last day to register for **Fire District Election** (40A:14-74) (at least 2 days before election)
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Last day for in-person Mail-In Ballot applications for **Fire District Election** (19:63-3) (up to 3:00 pm on the day before election)
- February 15<sup>th</sup> **Fire District Election – Hours for poll openings varies – close at 9pm**

**MUNICIPAL NON-PARTISAN ELECTION DEADLINE:**

- March 10<sup>th</sup> Last day to file petition for **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election** (40:45-8) (on or before 64<sup>th</sup> day prior to election)
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Last day to amend defective petitions for **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election candidates** (40:45-9) (no later than 61 days before election)
- March 18<sup>th</sup> Last day for Municipal Clerk to publish notice on Mail-In Ballot availability for **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election** (19:63-6) (prior to the 55<sup>th</sup> day before election)
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Commencement of mailing of mail-in ballots for **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election** (19:63-5, 19:63-9) (45 days before election)
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Last day to register for **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election** (19:31-6) (21 days before election)

May 6<sup>th</sup> Last day to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by mail for **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election** (19:63-3) (not less than 7 days prior to election)

May 7<sup>th</sup> Mailing of sample ballots for **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election** (19:14-25) (on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding election)

May 9<sup>th</sup> Last day for application to receive Mail-In Ballot for **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election** by electronic means for qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters (19:59-4) (4<sup>th</sup> day before election)

May 12<sup>th</sup> Last day for in-person Mail-In Ballot applications for **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election** (19:63-3) (up to 3:00 pm on the day before election)

May 13<sup>th</sup> **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election – Polls open 6am- 8pm**

May 14<sup>th</sup> Canvass by Municipal Clerk of votes cast in **May Municipal Non-Partisan Election** (40:45-16) (day following election)

#### **MUNICIPAL RUN-OFF DEADLINE (IF ANY):**

May 20<sup>th</sup> Last day to register for the **Municipal Non-Partisan Run-Off Election** (19:31-6) (21 days before election)

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Last day to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by mail for the **Municipal Non-Partisan Run-Off Election** (19:63-3) (not less than 7 days prior to election)

June 9<sup>th</sup> Last day to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by mail for **Municipal Non-Partisan Run-Off Election** (19:63-3) (not less than 7 days prior to election)

June 10<sup>th</sup> **Municipal Non-Partisan Run-Off Election – Polls open 6am – 8pm**

#### **PRIMARY ELECTION DEADLINE:**

March 31<sup>st</sup> Last day to file nominating petitions for **Primary Election** (19:23-14) (before 4pm on or before 64<sup>th</sup> day prior to election)

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Last day to amend a defective petitions for **Primary Election candidates** (19:23-20) (3

days after filing deadline)

- April 4<sup>th</sup> Last day for objection to nominating petitions for **Primary Election candidates** (19:13-10) (no later than 4 days after filing deadline)
- April 7<sup>th</sup> Notice of Federal, State, and County offices to be elected at **General Election** to be sent by County Clerk to Municipal Clerks (19:12-3) (57 days before the primary election)
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Last day for County Clerk to publish notice on Mail-In Ballot availability for **Primary Election** (19:63-6) (prior to the 55<sup>th</sup> day before election)
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Last day to change Party Affiliation for **Primary Election** to filed with the County Commissioners of Registration Office (19:23-45) (55 days before election)
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Last for filing certificate to fill vacancy of a **Primary Election candidate** by the Appointed Vacancy Committee (19:23-12) (55 days before election)
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Last day for Determination of Petition Challenges for **Primary Election candidates** (9 days after the last day for filing nomination petitions)
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Last day for Municipal Clerks to certify to the County Clerk the names of the candidates who filed **Primary Election** nomination petitions with Municipal Clerks (19:23-14) (54 days before election)
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Transmittal of Secretary of State certification of Federal and State **Primary Election candidates** to County Clerks (19:23-21) (54 days before election)
- April 11<sup>th</sup> Transmittal of County Clerk certification of all candidates to placed on the **Primary Election Ballot** to Municipal Clerks and ELEC (19:23-22) (53 days before election)
- April 11<sup>th</sup> County and Municipal Clerk drawings for ballot positions for **Primary Election candidates** (19:23-24) (53 days before election)
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Last day for preparation of **Official Primary Election ballot** for printing (19:14-1) (50 days before election)
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Commencement of mailing of Mail-In Ballots for **Primary Election** (19:63-5, 19:63-9) (45 days before election)

May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to register for <b>Primary Election</b> (19:31-6) (21days before election)
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to apply for Mail-In Ballot by mail for <b>Primary Election</b> (19:63-3) (not less than 7 days prior to election)
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mailing of sample ballots for <b>Primary Election</b> (19:23-34) (on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding election)
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for application to receive Mail-In Ballot for <b>Primary Election</b> by electronic means for qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters (19:59-4) (4 <sup>th</sup> day before election)
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day for in-person Mail-In Ballot applications for <b>Primary Election</b> (19:63-3) (up to 3:00 pm on the day before election)
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Primary Election – Polls open 6am – 8pm</b>
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for acceptance of nomination by successful <b>Primary Election Write-In nominee</b> (19:23-16) (7 days after election)
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for Municipal Clerks to certify to County Clerk and County Board of Elections the names of duly elected county committee members (19:23-54) (within 8 days after primary election)
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Canvass of <b>Primary Election</b> votes by County Clerk (19:23-55) (10 days after the election)

#### **GENERAL ELECTION DEADLINE:**

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day for nominating petitions for <b>Independent General Election candidates</b> (19:13-9) (before 4pm of the day of the primary election)
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last for <b>School District</b> to submit notice to County Clerks of available offices for upcoming <b>General Election</b> (19:60-7) (on or before primary election)
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to amend a defective petition for <b>Independent General Election candidates</b> ((19:13-10) (no later than 4 days after filing deadline)

June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to file for objections to nomination petitions for <b>Independent General Election candidates</b> (19:13-10) (no later than 4 days after filing deadline)
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for filing nomination petition for <b>School Election candidates</b> for <b>General Election</b> (19:60-7) (last Monday in July)
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day for filing objection to nomination petitions for <b>School Election candidates</b> (19:13-10) (no later than 4 days after filing deadline)
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for Secretary of State to submit to the County Clerks the statement of all duly nominated candidates for <b>General Election</b> (19:13-22) (not later than 86 days before election)
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3pm</b> drawing of <b>Ballot Position</b> for <b>General Election candidates</b> by the County Clerks (19:14-12) (85 days before election)
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for submission of <b>non-binding County and Municipal public questions</b> to the County Clerks for printing on the <b>General Election ballot</b> (19:37-1) (81 days before election)
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for <b>Independent candidates and School Election candidates</b> to decline nomination for General Election (19:13-16) (70 days before election)
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for submission to the County Clerk of <b>Municipal non-binding public questions adopted by the Municipal governing body</b> upon the filing of a qualified petition by the local electorate (19:37-1.1) (67 days before election)
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day to file nomination petition for <b>new nomination petition to fill a vacancy for Independent candidates and School Election candidates for the General Election</b> (19:13-19) (before 4pm on or before 64 <sup>th</sup> day prior to election)
Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for <b>School Board candidates</b> to withdraw (19:60-7) (60 days before election)
Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to submit public question for <b>November School Board Election</b> to the County Clerk by School Board Secretary (19:60-4) (60 days before election)
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day vacancy can occur for <b>Primary Election nominees</b> for the <b>General Election</b> (19:13-20) (56 days before election)
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for County Clerk to publish notice of Mail-In Ballot availability for <b>General Election</b>

(19:63-6) (prior to the 55<sup>th</sup> day before election)

Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to fill Primary nominee vacancy for <b>General Election</b> (19:13-20) (54 days before election)
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for preparation of <b>Official General Election ballot</b> for printing (19:14-1) (50 days before election)
Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Commencement of mailing of Mail-In ballots for <b>General Election</b> (19:63-5, 19:63-9) (45 days before election)
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to register for the <b>General Election</b> (19:31-6) (21 days before election)
Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to apply for a Mail-In ballot by mail for <b>General Election</b> (19:63-3) (not less than 7 days prior to election)
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mailing of the sample ballots for <b>General Election</b> (19:14-25) (on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding the election)
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last day for application to receive Mail-In Ballot for <b>General Election</b> by electronic means for qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters (19:59-4) (4 <sup>th</sup> day before election)
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day for in-person Mail-In ballot applications for <b>General Election</b> (19:63-3) (up to 3pm on the day before election)
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Election – Polls open 6am – 8pm</b>
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting for County Board of Canvassers for <b>General Election</b> (19:19-1, 19:19-4, 19:19-6) (Monday next after the election) (board can adjourn twice-up until Monday, November 17 <sup>th</sup> )